

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* Harvesting All Row Crops/Planting Wheat

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RELEASED: September 30, 2002 3:00 p.m.-Temperatures were cooler for the week except for the northwestern counties. Rainfall was mostly limited to the Mississippi Delta area. According to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 27 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

CROPS: All row crops are being harvested. Cotton harvest is well behind normal because of wet cotton and wet fields. Recent rains in the delta region have hurt some cotton fields to the point where boll rot is being reported. Harvest continues for apples. Winter wheat is being planted and field preparation has begun.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle remain in good condition. Cattle are being worked and calves are being weaned and sold. Most producers are trying to get one more hay cutting before winter.

Crop Progress and Conditions

| Progress % | | | | | Condition % | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CROP Stage | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| SORGHUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Turning Color | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 | | | | | |
| Mature | 98 | 97 | 100 | 97 | | | | | |
| Harvested | 89 | 82 | 92 | 87 | | | | | |
| CORN | | | | | | | | | |
| Harvested | 92 | 86 | 99 | 97 | | | | | |
| COTTON | | | | | 2 | 5 | 20 | 59 | 14 |
| Opening Bolls | 94 | 88 | 96 | 90 | | | | | |
| Harvested | 6 | 3 | 25 | 22 | | | | | |
| RICE | | | | | | | | | |
| Ripe | 95 | 90 | 83 | 92* | | | | | |
| Harvested | 70 | 54 | 79 | 74 | | | | | |
| SOYBEANS | | | | | 2 | 9 | 27 | 43 | 19 |
| Yellowing | 69 | 50 | 49 | 50 | | | | | |
| Shedding | 47 | 34 | 70 | 48 | | | | | |
| Mature ¹ | 30 | 21 | -- | 26 | | | | | |
| Harvested | 17 | 12 | 23 | 16 | | | | | |
| WHEAT | | | | | | | | | |
| Planted | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | | | | |
| OTHER HAY | | | | | 5 | 15 | 35 | 39 | 6 |
| PASTURE | | | | | 4 | 21 | 42 | 31 | 2 |

¹ Previous year was not requested. The 5-year average is from 1996-2000.
* Rice ripe was not requested in 1999 at this point in the year; this is a four year average of 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001.

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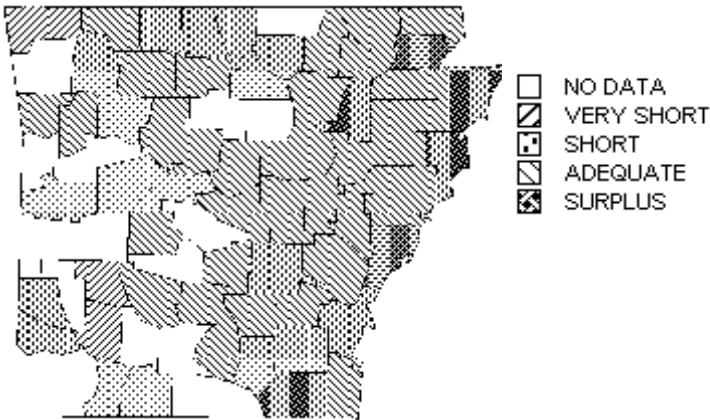
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 29, 2002. Temperatures were cooler for the week except in the NW counties. Rainfall was mostly limited to the Mississippi Delta. Several western cities recorded the high temperature of 91^o and Fayetteville had the low temperature of 40^o. Precipitation ranged from a high of 1.85 inches at Eudora to many locations reporting no measurable rainfall.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: September 29, 2002

| DISTRICT AND STATION | TEMPERATURES | | | RAINFALL | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| | HIGH | LOW | DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL | WEEK ENDING SEP 29 | CURRENT SEP ACCUM. | SEP NORMAL | JANUARY-AUG | |
| | | | | | | | 2002 | NORMAL |
| 1 Fayetteville | 85 | 40 | -2 | 0.00 | 1.37 | 4.83 | 34.79 | 29.51 |
| Harrison | 85 | 45 | 0 | 0.00 | 2.28 | 4.03 | 38.10 | 29.08 |
| 2 Calico Rock | 87 | 45 | -1 | 0.00 | 2.07 | 4.08 | 37.13 | 29.37 |
| Greers Ferry | 85 | 51 | 0 | 0.00 | 3.23 | 4.10 | 37.13 | 32.15 |
| Mountain Home | 85 | 50 | 1 | 0.00 | 1.28 | 4.33 | 40.08 | 28.51 |
| 3 Batesville | 83 | 48 | -1 | 0.00 | 3.77 | 3.58 | 30.66 | 30.45 |
| Jonesboro | 85 | 53 | 0 | 0.12 | 4.26 | 3.12 | 28.50 | 29.90 |
| Keiser | 85 | 49 | -2 | 1.82 | 5.31 | 3.65 | 33.97 | 33.10 |
| Newport | 88 | 52 | -1 | 0.12 | 7.16 | 3.49 | 35.45 | 31.37 |
| 4 Booneville | 88 | 49 | -2 | 0.00 | 2.50 | 4.04 | 40.79 | 30.50 |
| Clarksville | 87 | 51 | 1 | 0.00 | 2.36 | 3.88 | 42.26 | 29.53 |
| Dardanelle | 89 | 50 | 0 | 0.00 | 1.16 | 3.56 | 33.60 | 31.18 |
| Ft. Smith | 91 | 51 | 1 | 0.00 | 1.06 | 3.61 | 39.50 | 28.13 |
| Mena | 88 | 46 | -1 | 0.00 | 3.31 | 5.07 | 36.61 | 36.74 |
| Ozark | 86 | 49 | -1 | 0.00 | 1.83 | 3.70 | 45.84 | 28.63 |
| 5 Conway | 86 | 50 | -1 | 0.00 | 2.66 | 3.71 | 32.49 | 30.90 |
| Hot Springs | 91 | 49 | -1 | 0.00 | 1.92 | 4.05 | 34.50 | 36.94 |
| Little Rock | 86 | 52 | -1 | 0.00 | 1.48 | 3.71 | 31.31 | 32.53 |
| N Little Rock | 87 | 55 | 0 | 0.00 | 3.04 | 3.53 | 28.18 | 31.58 |
| 6 Brinkley | 85 | 53 | -1 | 0.11 | 3.90 | 3.02 | 30.33 | 33.08 |
| Marianna | 84 | 53 | -2 | 1.13 | 3.42 | 3.16 | 33.45 | 35.21 |
| Stuttgart | 87 | 51 | -3 | 0.15 | 2.90 | 2.86 | 38.66 | 38.66 |
| 7 Hope | 88 | 51 | 0 | 0.00 | 2.02 | 4.06 | 36.24 | 34.94 |
| Texarkana | 91 | 53 | 1 | 0.00 | 1.35 | 3.40 | 27.52 | 29.94 |
| 8 Camden | 87 | 51 | 0 | 0.00 | 2.23 | 3.60 | 35.56 | 34.72 |
| El Dorado | 87 | 55 | -1 | 0.06 | 3.12 | 3.29 | 34.73 | 36.89 |
| Warren | 86 | 53 | -1 | 0.33 | 1.07 | 3.71 | 34.01 | 36.68 |
| 9 Eudora | 89 | 60 | 0 | 1.85 | 3.56 | 2.71 | 36.26 | 38.85 |
| Pine Bluff | 88 | 54 | -1 | 0.15 | 3.31 | 3.20 | 34.67 | 34.51 |
| Rohwer | 85 | 53 | -2 | 0.79 | 2.65 | 2.91 | 35.59 | 34.70 |